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Title

: CARRIER FOR CATALYST FOR USE IN PRODUCTION OF ETHYLENE

OXIDE, CATALYST FOR USE IN PRODUCTION OF ETHYLENE OXIDE,

AND METHOD FOR PRODUCTION OF ETHYLENE OXIDE

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICATION REQUIREMENT AND SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

PECEIVED TO 1700 In response to the restriction requirement dated May 7, 2003, Applicants elect the invention of Group II, i.e., claims 13-18. This election necessitates certain amendments to the claims. Please amend the application as indicated on the following pages prior to substantive examination. Applicants ask that all claims be examined in view of the amendment to the claims and remarks contained on the following sheets, a total of 4 pages.

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